

Dear Parent/Guardian

RE: Coronavirus (COVID-19)

As we move into Term 1 holidays, I know things will continue to look very different for many families. I hope by the end of this term that most of our students have managed to navigate into the online world of learning. If this hasn't been able to occur, we completely understand and will be here to support you and your child at the commencement of Term 2.

For Term 2 parents are encouraged to keep students home. Those who need to send their child to school to maintain employment and children of essential workers may choose to do so. Students who attend the College will continue to be supported through their learning but will be required to bring their devices with them to access the same learning materials as the other students.

We have spent the majority of the last three weeks preparing for online learning and processes will continue to be refined as we receive feedback and navigate through this in partnership with parents/guardians and students.

All WA schools are still awaiting final guidance from the School Curriculum and Standards Authority in regards to assessments for our Year 11 and 12 courses. We will finalise the processes necessary in making adjustments to suit these new environments. This detail will be communicated early in Term 2. What we do know is the content will continue to be covered, but assessment types and numbers will reduce.

In addition to the work we have undertaken preparing for Term 2, we continue to create new sections on our website to assist in facilitating online learning. The webpage will contain "how-to" documents and step-by-step instructions for students or parents alike who may be having difficulty with accessing and using a specific platform. It will also consolidate various materials available on Connect and helpful videos. This content can be found at <https://ashdalesc.wa.edu.au/online-learning/>

I understand how difficult it has been to transition to the new learning environment for many. Still, I am confident that we can continue working together for our students and for your children to progress. We also want to support learning and wellbeing in the home as we understand that being in a confined space for an extended period may lead to stress and conflict in the home. The Department has provided a resource that can help support your child - <https://www.education.wa.edu.au/learning-at-home/student-health-and-wellbeing>.

Ashdale Secondary College staff have worked to create a curriculum that is engaging and will use a mix of resources and platforms that suit the learning required in each learning area. Staff will not be available during the term break to answer questions, but we will be on-site Tuesday 28 April following the ANZAC day long weekend. I hope you and your families stay safe, and I look forward to providing further updates throughout Term 2.

Kind regards



Kylie Bottcher
Principal

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